

Application No. 09/929/447

Docket No. 534334-013

Amendment After Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.116

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached formal drawing sheets shall replace the originally filed informal drawings.

Attachment: Three replacement sheets

REMARKS

Claim 25 has been allowed. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 14 and 17-24 were previously cancelled. The Examiner has rejected the remaining claims, including claims 7, 11-13, 15 and 16, under 35 USC 112 as being indefinite. The Examiner has further indicated, however, that the rejected claims would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejections.

Applicant has amended independent claims 7, 11, 15 and 16 to overcome the Examiner's rejection. These amendments are supported by the specification and do not alter the scope of the claims. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered and submits that claims 7, 11-13, 15 and 16 are now allowable.

Claim 7

The elements of claim 7 have been reorganized to clarify their interrelationship. In addition, claim 7 has been amended to specify that the claimed "plurality of locations," which each define an aperture for a tool of a power tool, are located at the claimed work surface. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 7, as amended, is not merely a recitation of elements that lack cooperative interrelationship. Specifically, the claimed "plurality of locations" are said to be located at the claimed "work surface," the claimed "adjustable stop" is said to be clampable with respect to the claimed "work surface" and the claimed "scale" is said to have a reference mark intersected by a cutting line formed by cutting tools mounted at the claimed work surface.

Claim 11

The elements of claim 11, like the elements of claim 7, have been reorganized to clarify their interrelationship. In addition, claim 11 has been amended to clarify that the claimed "stop" is operatively connected to the claimed "work surface" and that the claimed "plurality of locations," which each define an aperture for a tool of a power tool, are located at the claimed upstanding plate. As amended, claim 11 is not merely a recitation of elements that lack cooperative interrelationship. In particular, the claimed "plate" is said to project from the claimed "work surface," the claimed "plurality of locations" are said to be located at the claimed "plate," and the claimed "stop" is said to be operatively connected to the "work surface."

Claims 15 and 16

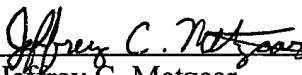
Claims 15 and 16 have each been amended to clarify that the claimed “adjustable stop” is adjustably positioned with respect to any one of the claimed “plurality of locations” for guiding a work piece during a machining operation at one of the locations. Applicant respectfully submits claims 15 and 16, as amended, now clearly recite the relationship between the claimed elements. Accordingly, applicant contends that the rejection for indefiniteness has been overcome.

Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the originally filed drawings due to their poor legibility. Accordingly, applicant submits herewith replacement formal drawings. To the best of applicant’s knowledge, these replacement drawings do not include any new matter

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 20-0809. Prompt and favorable examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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